G-d's Hands

Sunday Shirim #6

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Lesson Intent: Knowing that we are in G-d's Hands!

1. G-d's Love for His People

Primal Goal

We are imprinted with the image of G-d and

G-d is imprinted with us

Human Goal

The chief end of knowing G-d is to glorify G-d

And enjoy His Presence forever.

Human Duty

Knowing how G-d feels about you.

Yeshayahu- 49:16-19 Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are ever before Me. ¹⁷Your builders hasten back; your destroyers and wreckers depart from you. ¹⁸ Lift up your eyes and look around. They all gather together; they come to you. As surely as I live," declares the LORD, "you will wear them all as jewelry and put them on like a bride. ¹⁹ For your ruined and desolate places and your ravaged land will now indeed be too small for your people, and those who devoured you will be far away.

<u>Eph. 1:1</u> Hakham Shaul (Paul), a Sh'liach (apostle/emissary) of Yeshua HaMashiach by the will of God, to the Tsadiqim (Greek: a-gios) who are at Ephesus and who are faithfully obedient in Yeshua HaMashiach:

<u>Ephesians 1:2</u> Chesed to you and shalom from God the Father and the master Yeshua HaMashiach.

Ephesians 1:3-6 Let the God and Father of our master Yeshua HaMashiach be Blessed, having blessed⁴ us in Messiah with every spiritual blessing⁶ in the heavens, even as He (God) has elected (separated)⁹ us (the Jewish people) to be in union with him Messiah before the foundation of the world to be Tsadiqim (Greek: agios) and blameless in His God's presence love. He God appointed us as His chief/principle adoption as His own (children) through Yeshua HaMashiach according to His desire and good will to the praise of the honour of His chessed (loving-kindness), in which He has made us accepted as the one beloved.

<u>Ephesians 1:11-14</u> God chose us (the Jewish people) to be his own people in union with Messiah, for His own purpose, based on what He had decided before the beginning,²² therefore let us who were the first to hope²⁴ for Messiah praise God's <u>glory</u>. Being in union with him (Messiah) in hearing the Torah of Truth, the Redemption of the Mesorah that you Gentiles must trust in, cling to and rely on, which brings the promised seal of the Nefesh Yehudi that is the promised pledge²⁸ of our (Jewish) portion in anticipation of its full redemption. Let us praise His (God's) <u>glory</u>.^a

Haggai 2:23 "On that day, declares the LORD of Hosts, I will take you, My servant, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, declares the LORD,

^a Dr. Walter Oakley. (n.d.). *Ephesians*.

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and I will make you like My signet ring,

for I have chosen you, declares the LORD of Hosts."

Deut 7:6 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His prized possession out of all peoples on the face of the earth.

⁷ The LORD did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than the other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But because the LORD loved you and kept the oath He swore to your fathers, He brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps His promise of loving devotion for a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments. ¹⁰ But those who hate Him He repays to their faces with destruction; He will not hesitate to repay to his face the one who hates Him.

Is 62:3–4 You will be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem in the palm of your God. ⁴ No longer will you be called Forsaken, nor your land named Desolate; but you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah;

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for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be His bride.

Zech 2:8 For this is what the LORD of Hosts says: "After His Glory has sent Me against the nations that have plundered you—for whoever touches you touches the apple of His eye—⁹ I will surely wave My hand over them, so that they will become plunder for their own servants. Then you will know that the LORD of Hosts has sent Me."

Zech 9: 16 On that day the LORD their God will save them as the flock of His people; for like jewels in a crown they will sparkle over His land. ¹⁷ How lovely they will be, and how beautiful! Grain will make the young men flourish, and new wine, the young women.

Mal 3:17 "They will be Mine," says the LORD of Hosts, "on the day when I make them My Jewels And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him. ¹⁸ So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

Clinging

Being with G-dly people!

Meditating on G-d

- →Thinking of G-d
- \rightarrow Praying to G-d
- →Thinking of Biblical passage or passages

Meditation

To meditate on something is to think about it continuously.

When we take G-d, or G-d's Word into our minds and chew on it for lengthy times, G-d Himself and His wishes are always before us. His Word raises our awareness of His presence as we meditate (think about it) on it.